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Ohio Winter Wheat Production and Hay Stocks

Winter wheat production is expected to decline this year with a lower expected statewide yield, according to Cheryl Turner, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Ohio Field Office. Ohio wheat growers expect to harvest 530,000 acres, down 15,000 acres from last year. Wheat production in the State is expected to be 37.1 million bushels. The yield forecast of 70 bushels would be 4 bushels below the previous year.

National winter wheat production is forecast at 1.47 billion bushels, up 7 percent from 2014. As of May 1, the United States yield is forecast at 43.5 bushels per acre, up 0.9 bushel from last year.

Hay stocks on Ohio farms on May 1, 2015 were 430,000 tons, up 56% from this time last year. An adequate supply of hay harvested in 2014 and pasture availability contributed to the highest May stocks since 2004.

All hay stored on United States farms May 1, 2015 totaled 24.5 million tons, up 28 percent from a year ago. Disappearance from December 1, 2014 - May 1, 2015 totaled 67.5 million tons, compared with 70.1 million tons for the same period a year earlier.

Crop Summary, May 2015

Commodity	Ohio			United States		
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
Wheat, winter						
Planted 1,000 acres	660	620	550	43,230	42,399	40,751
Harvested 1,000 acres	640	545	530	32,650	32,304	33,838
YieldBushels	70.0	74.0	70.0	47.3	42.6	43.5
Production 1,000 bu	44,800	40,330	37,100	1,542,902	1,377,526	1,471,802

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